## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 368 By Winningham

A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge on State Route 262 in Jackson County in memory of the late Ward Gray Sneed.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Ward Gray Sneed, who was killed by hostile forces on July 6, 1969 in Vietnam, making the supreme sacrifice to safeguard our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Sergeant First Class Ward Gray Sneed, United States Army, served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country; and

WHEREAS, an official request has been submitted by the Jackson County Legislative Body to name the new bridge over Wartrace Creek on State Route 262 in Jackson County to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage and commitment to duty of the late Ward Gray Sneed; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily and respectfully concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the new bridge over Wartrace Creek on State Route 262 in Jackson County is hereby designated as the "Ward Gray Sneed Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the

life of valor and the supreme sacrifice for his country of Sergeant First Class Ward Gray Sneed, United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on State Route 262 over Wartrace Creek in Jackson County as the "Ward Gray Sneed Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this American hero. The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

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